(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The World Bank prepared a report on Indian agriculture captioned 'Agriculture—Challenges and opportunities' in August, 1991.

(b) The broad areas on which the World Bank has laid down emphasis in the report are increase in the overall allocation for agriculture, improving the efficiency of agricultural investments, rationalising subsidies and targetting them towards deserving people, diversification of agriculture, providing better incentives to farmers for crop production and revitalisation of rural banking.

(c) and (d) A draft agriculture policy resolution has been prepared after extensive consultations including a Conference of Chief Ministers on 5th March, 1993 and placed on the Table of the House on 14th May, 1993.

Finance to Farmers to Buy Second-Hand Tractors

2296. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :
SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA :
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH :
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since decided to finance farmers to buy second-hand tractors;

(b) whether Government are aware that second-hand machine is mostly a defective deal;

(c) what kind of safeguards are built up in such a deal for maintenance of second-hand tractors; and

(d) whether Government are aware that there are no maintenance shops or mechanics available to handle the breakdown of second-hand tractors in the rural areas and what arrangements are being made by Government in this regard, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government have no information which could lead to this conclusion.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Tractor manufacturers have appointed dealers in the States who look after sale and after sale services. Some of the State Agro Industries Corporations are also agents for sale and after sale services of tractors. There is a network of about 2100 dealers for tractors in the country.

Production of Milk

2297. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :
SHRI BRAJMADEO ANAND PASWAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the statewise and districtwise break up of milk daily produced in our country presently;

(b) what has been its total production during 1992-93;

(c) how much of it is in the cooperative sector;

(d) what are the itemwise quantity and value of milk and milk products marketed by cooperative sector;

(e) the quantity of it has been through indigenous production and that through imports; and

(f) what is the break up of all these in percentage terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of Fisheries Landing Centre in Kerala

2298. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal for construction of fisheries landing centre at Kottoor-Pollathai in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project envisages construction of sorting platforms, auction hall, repair shed, administrative block, security room, locker room, canteen, water and power supply etc. including land acquisition at an estimated revised cost of Rs. 61.50 lakhs.

(c) The matter is under examination.

Minimum Selling Price to Chillies

2299. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh to introduce minimum selling price to chillies; and

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration is the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh sent a proposal for purchase of chillies for market intervention Scheme. Market intervention price was fixed at Rs. 1500 per qtl. FAQ in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and a quantity of 10,000 metric tonnes of chillies has been purchased by Central and State designated agencies.

Small and Marginal Farmers

2300. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and marginal farmers at the end of sixth and seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of schemes taken up for the benefit of these farmers;

(c) how far small and marginal farmers have been benefited by these schemes; and

(d) what are the schemes/programmes taken up for the benefit of these farmers during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to 1985-86 Agriculture Census the number of small and marginal farmers (operational holdings) was as follows:

Small	1,79,2,000
Marginal	5,61,47,000
TOTAL	7,40,69,000

(b) to (d) To improve the conditions of small and marginal farmers Government have undertaken various schemes and programmes including poverty alleviation and crop oriented programmes. For example, subsidy has been provided to small and marginal farmers for getting fertilizer at concessional rates, under extension activities special attention is being paid to small and marginal farmers, they are also being benefited through various other programmes under Rural Development. In addition, in 1992-93 assistance was provided to States to create basic infrastructural facilities for small and marginal farmers. All the schemes mentioned above are plan schemes under the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Inclusion of Horticulture Product in the Crop Insurance Scheme

2301. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether insurance of horticultural products has also been included in the comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Cattle Wealth in the Crop Insurance Scheme

2302. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce crop insurance/insurance scheme to